

SPARUS MELANOPTERUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Dentes validi: *Primores* duplici, triplici, vel quadruplici ordine dispositi.

Molares (plerisque) validi, convexi, læves, in series dispositi, et quasi pavementum in ore efformantes.

Labia crassa: *Opercula* mutica, squamosa.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

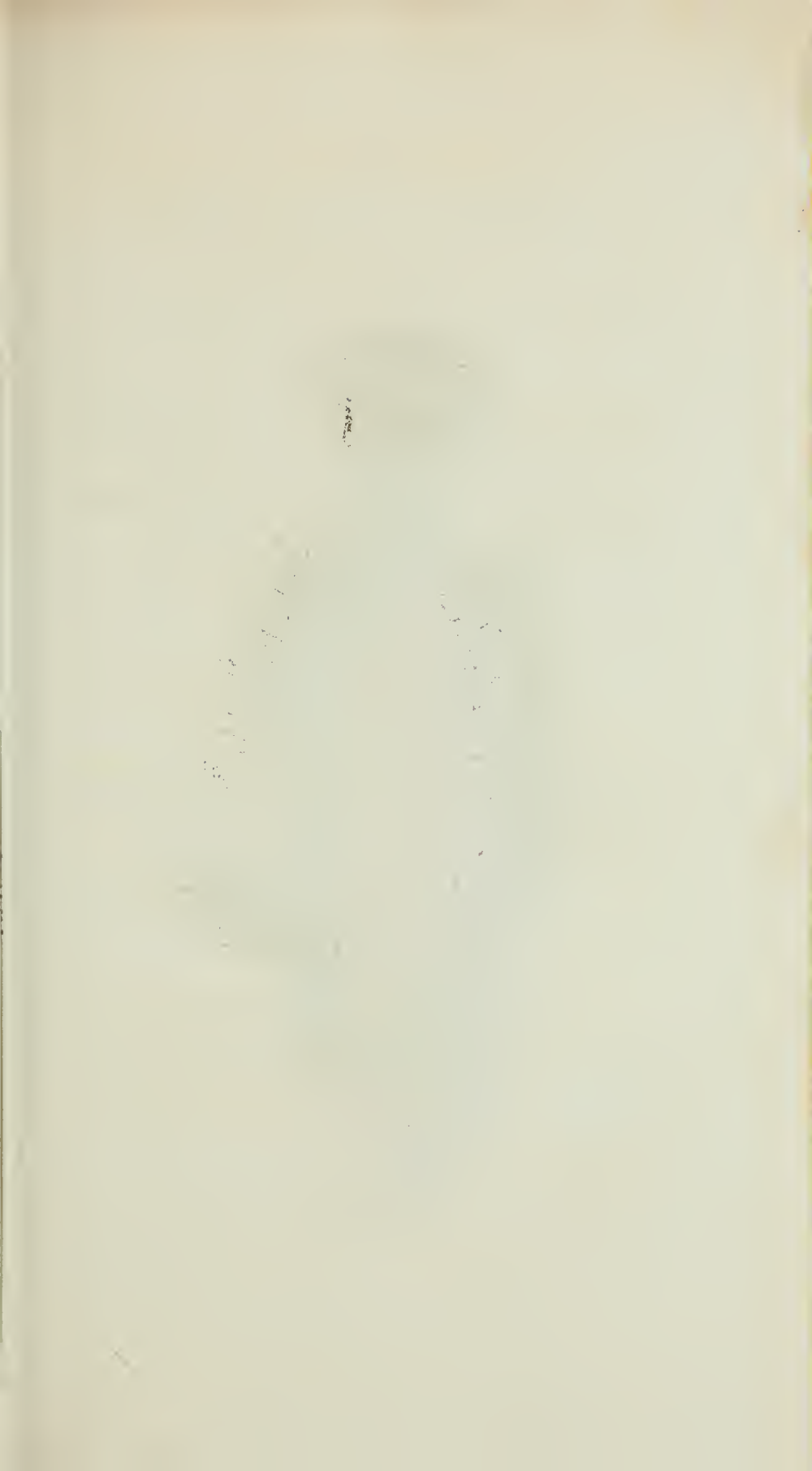
SPARUS purpurascens, abdomine flavo-virente, orbitis viridi-radiatis, pinnis nigris.

LABRUS MELAPTERUS. L. Pinnis nigris, aculeis dorsalibus octo.

Bloch. t. 285.

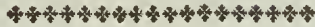
Maria incolit Indica Sparus melanopterus, longitudine, ut plurimum, pedali.







THE
BLACK-FINNED SPARUS.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Teeth strong; *Front-Teeth* disposed in a single, double, treble, or quadruple row.

Grinders (in most species) convex, smooth, and disposed in ranges, forming a kind of pavement in the mouth.

Lips thick: *Gill-Covers* unarmed, smooth, scaly.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Purplish SPARUS, with yellowish-green abdomen, orbits of the eyes radiated by green streaks, and black fins.

Black-Finned SPARUS.

Gen. Zool. 4. p. 451.

The black-finned Sparus is seen chiefly in the Indian seas, and usually measures about twelve inches in length.